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1. THREE METHODS OF IDENTIFYING U.S. CITIZEN WHO ABOARD
FLIGHTS FOR
BANGLADESHI FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. THEY
ARE (A) PASSENGER MANIFESTS AT THE AIRPORTS; (B) RECORDS
AT AIRLINE OFFICES; AND (C) EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION
CARDS FILED BY PASSENGERS ARRIVING AND LEAVING ON
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. NONE OF THESE SOURCES
IS ADEQUATE AS A SOLE SOURCE OF CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION.
COLLECTIVELY, THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR IDENTIFYING MOST
U.S. CITIZENS ON BOARD FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN BANGLADESH.
EACH SOURCE IS DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. PASSENGER MANIFESTS. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE AIRPORT FROM WHICH ANY DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHT DEPARTS. THE MANIFEST LIST IS GENERALLY A COMPLETE
LISTING OF PASSENGERS ALTHOUGH LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS COULD POSSIBLY BE INADEQUATELY RECORDED.
SUCH LISTS DO NOT NORMALLY INCLUDE ADDRESS AND CITI-
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ZENSHIP INFORMATION.

3. INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT AIRLINE OFFICES. AIR-
LINES IN BANGLADESH KEEP PASSENGER LISTINGS FOR
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS IN THEIR BOOKING
OFFICES. THESE LISTINGS FREQUENTLY CONTAIN ADDRESSES
AND CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION, BUT NOT ALWAYS. INFOR-

MATION IS MOST COMPLETE FOR PASSENGERS WHO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE. USUALLY THEY DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS WHO MAKE LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS. INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS ON DOMESTIC FLIGHTS IS IN THE TOWN OF FLIGHT ORIGIN.

4. EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION CARDS. THESE ARE FILLED OUT BY ALL PASSENGERS ARRIVING AND LEAVING BANGLADESH ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ONLY. THEY ARE FILED BY FLIGHT AND DATE. THEY CONTAIN NAME, ADDRESS AND CITIZENSHIP.

5. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE USED BY THE DUTY OFFICER TO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF U.S. CITIZENS INVOLVED IN HIJACKING ATTEMPTS: (A) THE DUTY OFFICER WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT A CONSULAR OFFICER; (B) THE CONSULAR OFFICER (OR DUTY OFFICER IF A CONSULAR OFFICER IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE) WILL DETERMINE IF U.S. CITIZENS INVOLVED AND OBTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES FROM SOURCES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2 THROUGH 4 FROM AIRPORT OR AIRLINE OFFICE. IF INFORMATION IS NOT PROMPTLY AVAILABLE FROM THESE SOURCES, CONSULAR OFFICER SHOULD CONTACT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION. (TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF AIRPORT AND AIRLINE OFFICES AND NAMES AND HOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF APPROPRIATE AIRLINE, AIRPORT AND BDG CIVIL AVIATION

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OFFICIALS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE DUTY BOOK BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.) (C) CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO WASHINGTON, NIACT IF REQUIRED.

6. PRECEDING INFORMATION WILL BE INCORPORATED IN DUTY OFFICER HANDBOOK.

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